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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,
U.S. SENATE

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TAGS: OREP (STONE, RICHARD), TW
SUBJECT: ROC DEVELOPMENTS

1. CHIANG CHING-KUO (CCK) WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN MARCH, CONFIRMING WASHINGTON REPORTS. INFORMED OBSERVERS SPECULATE THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WILL BE EITHER A TAIWANESE OR SOME SENIOR CHINESE WHO WILL NOT BE A LIKELY SUCCESSOR. NEITHER OF THE "TAME" OPPOSITION PARTIES EXPECTS TO NOMINATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ACCORDING TO PARTY LEADERS.

2. IN MEETING WITH STONE, CCK MADE STANDARD ARGUMENTS AGAINST NORMALIZATION: NOT IN U.S. INTEREST; DISRUPTIVE OF REGIONAL STABILITY BECAUSE THE U.S. WILL BE ABANDONING YET ANOTHER ASIAN ALLY; AND THE POLICY IS CONTRARY TO HUMAN RIGHTS
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STANDARDS.

3. STONE WILL EMPHASIZE TRADE ISSUES IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. HE WILL STATE THAT WHILE HE DESIRES BETTER RELATIONS WITH PRC, IMPROVED RELATIONS MUST NOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF TAIWAN.

4. I HAD TO ACCOMPANY STONE TO KINMEN BECAUSE OF PURSLEY'S

ILLNESS. DESPITE EXTENSIVE FILM FOOTAGE, NO STATEMENTS
SUPPORTIVE OF ROC POSITION REGARDING OFFSHORE ISLANDS WERE
MADE.

5. INTERNAL CHANGES INSIDE KMT FOLLOWING NOVEMBER ELECTORAL
SHOCK EVEN GREATER THAN WE ANTICIPATED. DETAILS AVAILABLE UPON
RETURN.

6. ROC LEADERSHIP EVIDENTLY BELIEVES THEY HAVE SEVERAL
YEARS BEFORE ANY CRITICAL STAGE IN U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIP
DEVELOPS. THEREFORE, THEY APPEAR TO BE DOING LITTLE TO PRE-
PARE FOR NORMALIZATION. CONTACTS INSIDE GOVERNMENT STATE
THAT CCK HAS FORBIDDEN EVEN DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE.

7. MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT FUTURE ROC PURCHASING MISSIONS
ARE LIKELY DESPITE DISAVOWAL OF POLITICAL INTENT. IT IS
OBVIOUS THE IDEA OF "GRASSROOTS CONTACT" IS SEEN BY ROC AS
EFFECTIVE LOBBY TECHNIQUE. PROSPECTS OF CONTINUING DEFICITS
ASSURES THEM OF AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES.

8. VARIOUS FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AGAIN QUESTIONING
WHETHER A NEW ROC AMBASSADOR TO U.S. WOULD BE ACCEPTED. FRED
CHIEN, VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS AGAIN THE LIKELY
CANDIDATE.

9. ROC DISSATISFIED WITH UNWILLINGNESS OF U.S. TO SUPPLY
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"STATE OF THE ART" MILITARY TECHNOLOGY. THEIR PRIORITIES
ACCORDING TO ROC MILITARY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES ARE
AIRCRAFT MODERNIZATION AND ASW CAPABILITIES.

10. ROC ANTICIPATES EXPORTS OF STEEL TO S.E. ASIA IN 1980S.
THIS FACTOR, THE ROK'S INTEGRATED STEEL FACILITY, CURRENT
JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN CAPACITIES, SUGGESTS CONTINUED WORLD
SURPLUS. MY PERSONAL JUDGMENT IS THAT A DETAILED ECONOMIC
ANALYSIS OF REGIONAL EXPORTS (ALL COMMODITIES) AND WORLD
MARKET POTENTIAL IS NECESSARY. POSSIBILITIES OF COMPETITION
BETWEEN SINGAPORE, ROK, ROC, AND PERHAPS ASEAN, ARE CLEAR AND
COULD DISRUPT REGION IN THE 1980S.
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